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Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Nov. 21 is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

APG Commissary holiday hours

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Commissary will be open on Sunday, Nov. 18, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 24, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The commissary will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Day, and Friday, Nov. 23.

Refuse removal during holiday

Nov. 20 is a regular trash pickup day.

Regular weekly recycling pickup day is Nov. 21.

Trash normally picked up on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, will be picked up on Nov. 20. There will be no trash removal on Thanksgiving Day.

Regular trash pickup will resume on Nov. 23.

Location change for holiday service

The annual service the evening before Thanksgiving, Nov. 21, will take place off post at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Mount Royal Avenue in Aberdeen, at 7 p.m. Anyone may attend.

Re-Nu-It centers announce winter hours

The Aberdeen and Edgewood Re-Nu-It centers revert to winter hours beginning Nov. 19. Winter hours for the Aberdeen facility are 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. The Edgewood center is open the same hours on Wednesday and Friday.

Re-Nu-It centers announce additional business hours during housing area clean-up week, Nov. 19 to Dec. 1.

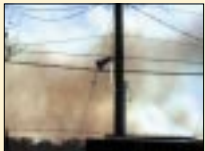
During the week of housing area cleanup, Nov. 19 to Dec. 1, the Aberdeen Re-Nu-It Center will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The Edgewood Re-Nu-It

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Aberdeen joins nation in honoring veterans

Yvonne Johnson

APG News

Civilian and military leaders led area Veteran's Day ceremonies that were celebrated on the two-month anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on America.

In the city of Aberdeen, Col. Mardi U. Mark, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander, was the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. ceremony held in Veterans' Park.

Mark told the audience that since Sept. 11 America has turned to its military, "a representative of national strength."

"It remains our duty to ensure that those who perished did not die in vain," Mark said.

"This one day of reflection means a great deal to those of us who wear the uniform."

The program included the posting of colors by honor guards from the host units, VFW Post 10028 and American Legion Post 128 in Aberdeen, a seven-gun salute and the playing of Taps by Francis Field.

Noting that Veterans Day began as Armistice Day, Mark said that it honors veterans of all branches "whether peace time or war time, volunteered or drafted."

"Americans have rediscovered pride, faith and trust in our veterans," she said. "Future generations will remember you."

She added that because of the large population of veterans in the Aberdeen community, the observance "helps everyone appreciate the sacrifices of those around them."

"Veterans Day means one thing, freedom is not free," Mark said. "Best wishes for a memorable Veterans Day and God Bless America."

Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Col. Mardi U. Mark, front, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, and Lt. Col. Kevin R. Conlon, salute the colors during the Veteran's Day ceremony in Aberdeen, Nov. 11. Mark was the guest speaker at the ceremony hosted by Conlon.



American Legion Post 128 honor guards Larry Coulson, front, and Angela Conlon post the American and legion colors at Veterans Park in Aberdeen.

APG – home of 'Homeland Defense'

Yvonne Johnson

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Although Americans have become used to hearing the term 'Homeland Defense,' since Sept. 11, few realize how close to home it really is.

The Homeland Defense Program, now coordinated by the Department of Justice, originated at Aberdeen Proving Ground at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

For the past five years, members of the Homeland Defense Business Unit, or HDBU, located at ECBC, under the auspices of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, have been enhancing the response capabilities of military, federal, state and local emergency responders to incidents involving weapons of mass destruction, or WMD,

including biological and chemical agents.

Directed by the business unit leader Suzanne Milchling, scientists, engineers, medical and personnel management specialists have spread the message of domestic preparedness to emergency responders across the country.

Milchling said that since 1997, Homeland Defense teams have trained responders in 105 densely populated cities as well as in Saipan, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

"The program was transitioned to the Justice Department in Oct. 2000 but we still coordinate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other federal agencies on how to continue course development and enhance future Department of Defense support," Milchling said.

In addition, the unit of about 40

employees trains local, state and military emergency responders in the critical elements of WMD Installation Preparedness, Improved Response, and Technical Assistance based upon the foundation of the Domestic Preparedness Program.

The Domestic Preparedness initiative was formed under the Nunn-Lugar-Domenici legislation that provided funding for DoD to enhance the capability of federal, state and local emergency responders in incidents involving nuclear, biological and chemical agents. SBCCOM charged ECBC with implementing that objective.

ECBC initiated three programs to address the preparedness of key military bases and special facilities.

The Installation Preparedness Program
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America Recycles Day -- APG commits to recycling

Hazoor Kahn

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Today, America Recycles Day, millions of people will learn about recycling and make a commitment to increase their recycling activities. The theme for America Recycles Day 2001 is "A Great Time to Renew Our Commitment to Recycling." The day is set-aside for Americans to pledge their continued recycling efforts in both purchasing of products made from recycled material and disposal of materials for recycling.

APG's commitment

The use of APGs convenience drop-off centers is one way that tenants can support and participate in APGs recycling efforts.

On June 15, 2001, both the Westwood and Phillips Army Airfield rubble landfills were permanently closed. Due to these closures, APG needed to re-evaluate the disposal methods for the waste which previously went to these fills.

The directorates of Installation Operations and Safety, Health and Environment developed a plan to

establish two convenient drop-off centers for construction and demolition wastes. The drop-off centers require segregation of the materials, which aids in recycling. DIO also provides 20 and 40 cubic yard roll off service for large projects.

The drop-off centers have provided a way for APG to enhance the current recycling program.

According to Debora Meranski, contracting officers representative for refuse and recycling, many of the materials once placed in the APG landfills are now recycled helping both the environment and saving money.

"The drop-off centers are an excellent example of recycling success in both the recycling process and in the cooperation of all personnel to the effort," Meranski said. "The recycling efforts for the installation are expected to go up this year based on the convenience of the centers for the tenants."

Among the materials accepted are construction and demolition debris, mixed asphalt, brick and concrete,

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Job Fair draws hundreds to Richlin Ballroom

Yvonne Johnson

APG News

The doors of opportunity opened wide for comers to the Harford County Job Fair 2001, held at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood on Nov. 2.

Nearly 1,000 people attended the event, which was co-sponsored by the Harford County Job Fair Council and Aberdeen Proving Ground's Army Community Service.

Marilyn Howard, ACS family member employment assistance and relocation manager, said that by 1 p.m. more than 600 people had passed through the ballroom that held 56 displays set up by prospective employers.

"This is the first year we've held the fair outside the installation," Howard said adding that the command decision was based on the installation's

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Donna's Pit Beef opens in new location

Yvonne Johnson

APG News

Donna's Pit Beef has moved from the Aberdeen Area Shoppette to the Post Theater, building 3245, in the area formerly occupied by the Sprinkles doughnut shop.

The shop opened Nov. 5 with an expanded menu and offers an indoor dining option for the lunchtime crowd. Hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Potato salad, chicken and tuna salad sandwiches and a
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Great American Smokeout observed today

Capt. Linda McKinney-Wilson

KUSAHC

The 25th annual "Great American Smokeout", sponsored by the American Cancer Society takes place annually on the third Thursday in November. Each year millions

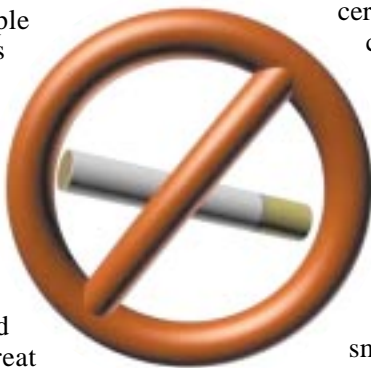
of people choose this day as the first in the quest for a smoke-free life. Last year, 19 percent of smokers participated in the Great American Smokeout and of those who participated, 4 percent were still not smoking 1 to 5 days later. The goal of this event is to encourage 47 million adult smokers in the United States to quit smoking for 24 hours in the hope that they may remain smoke free.

The American Cancer Society and the Center for Disease Control report that

cigarette smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death in the United States, claiming the lives of 400,000 Americans each year. Smoke from the average cigarette contains around 4,000 chemicals, some of which are highly toxic and at least 43 of which can cause cancer. Many of these chemicals are added in the tobacco farming and processing to form cigarettes. The tobacco burns as the cigarette is smoked, exposing the smoker to these chemicals. Nicotine, a constituent of tobacco smoke, is highly addictive. According to the American Cancer Society, nicotine is one of the most common forms of drug addiction in the United States.

Smoking is a major cause of lung cancer, emphysema and other respiratory diseases, and contributes to heart

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Center will be open the same hours on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. After cleanup, both facilities will revert to winter hours.

Restoration Advisory Board to meet

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 29, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include updates on the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action and the O-Field Study Area.

Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

Register now for HCC’s spring credit classes

Registration is currently underway for Spring 2002 credit courses at Harford Community College’s Aberdeen Proving Ground Center, building 3146 Raritan Avenue, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and alternate Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, call 410-272-2338 or 410-278-0516.

Students may also register at the HCC Student Center Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Spring classes begin on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Students who register through Dec. 17 will be billed, with payment due on Jan. 10. For more information about registering for spring credit courses at HCC, call the Registration and Records Office at 410-836-4222 or 410-879-8920, ext. 222.

La Gregg’s offers Thanksgiving special

La Gregg’s food operation, located in building 4311 on Aberdeen Proving Ground is offering a Thanksgiving special, Nov. 15 through Dec. 15. Purchase any combination meal and receive 10 percent off.

La Gregg’s features sandwiches and items from the grill to include hamburgers, French fries and hotdogs. La Gregg’s also carries a variety of beverages including specialty coffee blends and cappuccino.

La Gregg’s is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for lunch; Monday through Thursday, 5 to 8 p.m. for dinner; and Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. La Gregg’s is open to the public.

Wagonlit holds open house Nov. 15

Carlson Wagonlit leisure travel is having an Open House at Aberdeen Proving Ground Recreation Center, Thursday Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Come and enter to win one of many giveaways, including a color TV or a VCR.

Great FedSaver cruise rates are available, including an 11-day Easter Cruise.

For information, contact Trish Mallin, building 3326, call 410-273-1180, fax 410-273-2653 or e-mail tmallin@carlson.com.

Update on FEHB 2001 Open Season

The 2001 Federal Employees Health Benefits Open Season runs from Nov. 12 to Dec. 10. Brochures and comparison charts will be distributed as soon as they are received in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. Brochures may also be viewed/downloaded from the Office of Personnel Management Web site www.opm.gov/insure/-health. All new changes will be effective Jan. 13.

Due to recent events and restricted access to Aberdeen Proving Ground, the annual health fairs have been cancelled this year.

Discounts offered to military

Servicemembers interested in receiving discounts available for military personnel should visit the Military Discounts page at Military.com. The listing can be found at: www.military.com/Resources/ResourceSubmittedFileView?ESRC=mr.nl&file=discounts.htm.

Irish Veterans Memorial Project

Representatives of the Irish Veterans Memorial Project seek to establish a memorial in Ireland to all Irish men and women who served in military forces outside Ireland during the 20th century, in particular, those who made the ultimate sacrifice in U.S. conflicts and with other allied forces. The site chosen for the memorial will include a memorial to all who served as well as an historical exhibition and research center.

For more information, write to Declan Paul Hughes, Coordinator, Irish Veterans Memorial Project, Capel Chambers, 119 Capel Street, Dublin 1, Republic of Ireland, e-mail dectwth@eircom.net, or telephone 001-353-1-87 22 371.

TSP open season approaches

The Thrift Savings Plan Open Season will be held Nov. 15 to Jan. 31. During the open enrollment period employees may elect to enroll in TSP or change their current TSP deduction.

TSP Open Season Update Pamphlets will be distributed to agency administrative offices upon receipt in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Employees are now required to contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian, or ABC-C, at 1-877-276-9287 or www.abc.army.mil to enroll in TSP or change the amount of their contribution. Employees must also contact the TSP Office at 1-504-255-8777 or www.tsp.gov if they wish to change their fund allocation. Personal Identification Numbers are required for both ABC-C and TSP.

Employees who wish to change the way their current balance is invested must request a TSP Interfund Transfer. Interfund transfers can be made by calling the TSP office, using the Web site, or completing a TSP-50.

For more information, contact your servicing personnel assistant, Aberdeen Proving Ground CPAC.

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AA meetings held at APG chapel

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the Aberdeen Post Chapel, building 2485, every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is an open discussion meeting available to the entire Aberdeen community, military and civilian. Light refreshments are served. For more information call Jack K. at 410-734-4396.

Troop 313 looking for alumni

Boy Scout Troop 313 is trying to locate anyone associated with the troop for its 75th anniversary. A celebration is tentatively scheduled for March 2002.

For more information, call Barry Williams at 410-569-8927 or e-mail barrywilliamsb@cs.com.

Bids being accepted for sale items

The Installation Morale Welfare and Recreation Fund has the following items for sale.

Chrysler Utilimaster Step Van V-6, 1991 (No minimum bid is required.)

GMC crew cab pickup, 1988 (No minimum bid is required.)

Wells Cargo utility trailer, 1990 (A minimum bid of \$500 is required.)

Items can be viewed at Army Lodging, building 5472, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, thru Nov. 15.

The sale will be sealed bid. All bids must be received by Nov. 16 by the close of business. There will be no refunds. Items are sold “as is.”

Payment may be made by check or credit card. Purchaser must remove property within 72 hours after contacted. All bids should be mailed or turned into Army Lodging, building 2207, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005, ATTN: Richard McClain, 410-278-4373 extension 7722. For more information, call Preston Hill, 410-278-7217.

NAF health benefits open season 2001

Nonappropriated Funds employees are reminded Open Season 2001 runs through Nov 16. Eligible employees (regular full-time and regular part-time) may enroll or make changes to health insurance coverage without restriction; join and/or make changes to their life insurance elections; elect or decline the feature for a health insurance option that allows them to pay the employer share of the premium with pre-tax dollars; join the retirement program; enroll in the 401K program and update beneficiaries and mailing addresses.

Employees that have not received Open Season information at their home address may visit NAF Personnel, Lower Level, building 305, to pick up Open Season literature, or access the Internet at www.nafbenefits.com. Rates and benefits coverage have changed; therefore, all employees are encouraged to carefully consider the benefit options. For further information or an

appointment call 410-278-5126/5127/8994. All changes MUST be processed no later than Nov. 16 and will be effective January 2002.

VFW Post and Auxiliary 5337 in Abingdon seeks members

VFW Post and Auxiliary 5337 are looking for new members to help assist youths, servicemen and veterans. To be eligible you must have served in foreign service during a war. To join the auxiliary, your husband, father, grandfather, brother or son must have served. VFW Post and Auxiliary 5337 is a nonprofit organization. Call today to see if you are eligible to join. For more information, call 410-272-7019 or visit VFW Post 5337 in Abingdon, Md., or you may contact the VFW nearest to you.

Defense Commissary Agency announces scholarships for military children program

Applications for the second annual Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation Scholarships for Military Children Program are available at the commissary and for download at www.commissaries.com.

Qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military ID card holders, to include active duty, retirees, and Guard/reserves, may apply for the \$1,500 scholarships. Eligibility of applicants, including survivors of deceased members, will be determined using the Defense Department ID Card Directive. The complete package must be received at the commissary no later than Feb. 5.

Two major changes are in the 2002 program. Students will not have to show ID at the commissary when turning in their applications. Student eligibility will be verified through the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS, before scholarships are awarded. Sponsors should ensure that their children are enrolled in DEERS prior to applying for a scholarship. Students are encouraged to hand deliver applications, but they can be mailed to the nearest commissary.

USAWOA November meeting

The Aberdeen/Edgewood Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association will hold its November meeting in the Regimental Room at Top of the Bay on Nov. 15, 11:30 a.m. The Christmas fundraiser and holiday festivities will be discussed. For more information, contact Chief Warrant Officer Jane Jones, chapter vice-president, 410-278-4979, or e-mail nelda.jones@ocs.apg.army.mil.

Programs available to help when relocating with an Exceptional Family Member

A big part of military life is relocation. There are many military assistance programs available to help you and your family deal with issues that can arise during a move. For a family with an exceptional family member who has special needs, the confusion can be particularly stressful. To avoid some of the less desirable “adventures,” it may be a good idea to map out your strategy before you move. This is especially important regarding school, and your child’s special education, medical and housing needs.

If you will be experiencing a Permanent Change of Station with an exceptional family member call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP manager at 410-278-7474/4372.

School bus drop-off policy reiterated

If the Harford County public schools experience an unscheduled early dismissal and there is not an adult available to meet young children, or if a bus cannot access an on-post bus stop, the bus will take the children to the Youth Centers. Youth Center staff will attempt to contact the parents.

It is imperative that parents tape a card inside each child’s book bag with the child’s name, address, telephone number, and emergency points of contact. If young children arrive at the Youth Center and do not have this information or do not know how to reach their parents, the Youth Center staff has no way to communicate with the parents. This policy applies during an unscheduled early dismissal or in the event of an emergency when the bus does not have access to a particular bus stop. Routinely, if young children are not met by an adult at the bus stop, the bus will return children to the school and school personnel will contact the child’s parents. For additional information, contact Linda Holloway, Aberdeen Proving Ground school liaison officer, at 410-306-4520.

White House ornaments on sale at ITR

The Information, Ticketing and Registration Office has White House ornaments on sale for \$16.25 each. If you buy four, the fifth one is \$14.25.

For more information, call ITR at 410-278-4011.

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

2nd Lt. Kenneth Shaw, Officers Basic Course, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, poses with the Miller Lite bowling ball he won during the Oct. 31 drawing that ended the APG Bowling Center’s “Bowl Hog Wild” promotion. Shaw’s and other entrants’ names will be included in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation grand prize drawing for a Harley Davidson 2002 Sportster motorcycle to be held Nov. 23.

APG brush fires burn more than 1,500 acres

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

A range fire that began in a remote area of Aberdeen Proving Ground on Nov. 5 is still burning a week later, leaving more than 1,500 scorched acres in its wake.

Aberdeen Proving Ground fire chief Charles Jones said that as of Nov. 13, the fire was moving very slowly, and was confined mostly to smoldering leaves and underbrush.

“There’s also hollowed-out trees smoking in burnt out areas,” Jones said adding that the trees may continue to smoke for some time while posing no threat to surrounding areas.

He said that APG firefighters received the call about 10 a.m. after live fire testing on the ATC range ignited the blaze.

“We responded to the Michaelsville area but there was only so much we could do because the area is full of unexploded ordnance,” Jones said.

Helicopters from ATC, the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, and the Maryland Army National Guard provided airborne assistance to fire fighters, dumping water from 250-gallon Bambi buckets. Smoke from burning trees and smoldering leaves could be seen as far away as Churchville.

“We had all three helicopters working on Tuesday and Wednesday but by then it was out of control,” Jones said.

A change in the wind drove the fire toward the Camp Kennedy area, then a southerly wind blew it toward Aberdeen and Havre de Grace,” he added.

Now, it is burning slowly around the Briar Point area at the lower end of the Aberdeen Area peninsula.

“Without the ordnance threat, we would have been able to get a handle on it a lot quicker,” Jones said.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
One of three helicopters that helped to battle the brush fire that burned more than 1,500 acres at Aberdeen Proving Ground rises above the waters near Woodpecker Point after filling a 250-gallon Bambi bucket with water.



Photo courtesy of MRICD
Dr. Clarence Broomfield, one of the Army’s principal scientists working to develop a bioscavenger pretreatment against exposure to chemical warfare nerve agents, recently retired from the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense.

Renowned MRICD research chemist retires

Cindy Kronman
MRICD

“Ask Clarence.” Around the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense this was frequently the advice from one member of the scientific staff to another. Questions about chemical reactions? Looking for a chemical not available anywhere else? Trying to identify a chemical by its structure? “Ask Clarence.”

Just as the ancient Greeks sought out the oracle for answers, the scientific staff journeyed to MRICD’s “tin pan alley” to seek knowledge and information from Dr. Clarence Broomfield.

In September, however, MRICD reluctantly gave up its oracle. Broomfield, a world-renowned expert in the development of medical countermeasures to chemical warfare agents, retired after 39 years as a research chemist for the Army at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Over the years Broomfield was a pio-

neer in the study of enzyme structure by spin labeling, the study of receptors by ligand binding, and the isolation of acetylcholinesterase by affinity chromatography.

At the time of his retirement, Broomfield was directing efforts to develop a new nerve agent hydrolyzing enzyme by protein engineering techniques. The goal of these studies is to design enzyme molecules that will detoxify the nerve agent either by destroying the agent in the circulation or by physically removing the agent before it reaches its site of toxicity.

Broomfield and other scientists have shown that these bioscavengers can protect against nerve agent intoxication, and research efforts continue toward developing an FDA-approved enzyme product that could be used as a pretreatment against nerve agent poisoning.

As a result of his research efforts, Broomfield has authored or coauthored more than 150 abstracts, technical reports, journal articles and book chapters.

The current and former members of the

institute’s staff, as well as friends and family members, gathered to say farewell and to pay tribute to his accomplishments in, and contributions to, the medical chemical defense program Sept 26. He was honored with many remembrances and gifts of appreciation, including a bound volume of all his publications as well as a booklet of e-mail greetings from colleagues around the world.

“Clarence’s contributions to ICD and to science are not just limited to chemical warfare agents,” remarked MRICD’s commander, Col. James Romano. “His work has allowed a much better understanding of the cholinesterase family of enzymes. His pioneering research into the structure activity relationships of both acetylcholinesterase and butyrylcholinesterase has not only led to future preventive and therapeutic measures for nerve agents, but also contributed to revolutionary treatments for Alzheimer’s disease and other central nervous system diseases affecting cognition.”



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White outlines homeland security job

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

Army Secretary Thomas White is currently holding down two other jobs: Department of Defense interim executive agent for Homeland Security and acting assistant secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict.

The temporary appointment as DoD assistant secretary for SOLIC was made by President George Bush Oct. 15.

The appointment was made because homeland security encompasses some aspects of SOLIC such as chemical, biological or radiological threats, White said.

White said his priority will be to make sure American soil is secure against any and all threats.

"I define and view homeland security as having two principal elements," White said. "First, there is homeland defense, a Department of Defense-led task involving protection of the United States in every dimension - land, sea, aerospace and protection from computer network attack.



Photo by STAFF SGT. MICHAEL RAUTIO
Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White answers a question about homeland security from a reporter during a Department of Defense press conference Oct. 26. White was named Interim DoD Executive Agent for Homeland Security Oct. 2.

"Second, is civil support, where DoD provides assistance to a lead federal agency, which can range from the FBI for domestic counter-terrorism tasks to Health and Human Services for biological attacks."

Traditionally, responses to terrorism were handled by the assistant secretary of defense for SOLIC and the director of Military Support within the Department of the Army. White said that construct no longer works. He envisions consolidating the efforts that

concern homeland security to avoid gaps and duplications of capabilities.

The streamlining of homeland security will be the beginning of realignments White will make. He announced Oct. 23 that Department of the Army headquarters would be reshaped to alleviate separate staffs performing the same functions.

White said he has not lost sight of his full-time job as secretary of the Army. The Army started out as a homeland organization 226 years

ago, he said. This is not an additional duty, it is an inherent duty, a historical duty, White said.

Homeland security is the most important activity of the Army, White added.

"There are currently 6,000 Guardsmen in over 430 airports around the country, and we have received 70 requests since Sept. 11 from federal agencies for specific types of support," White said. "Guardsmen are deployed protecting power stations in New York and other critical infrastructures."

Reserve-component soldiers will be used for security as deemed appropriate, but on a short-term basis, White said. He explained that soldiers guarding airports and malls will not become a fixture of American life.

"There are in the country 11 million state and local first responders across a broad range of activities in homeland security - local hazmat teams, fire departments, emergency medical teams, and so forth," White said. "They are the first line of defense for homeland security."

Defense

From front page
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Since Sept. 11, the office has been inundated with requests for training or assistance, Milchling said.

"We have briefed Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley, Johns Hopkins University staff and the National Council of Mayors," Milchling said adding that a briefing was provided to Harford County science teachers during in-service training on Nov. 5.

Milchling said most customers want to know what they need to do to protect their employees.

"We tell them that they should have a set plan just as you would have a fire escape plan," Milchling said. "Our goal is to help people develop that plan based on their needs and capabilities."

She said the program helps "raise a degree of confidence" in providing plans that are "livable and workable."

"Most need something that keeps the mission intact and is also reassuring to workers," she added. "One that is user-friendly."

She encourages prospective customers to visit the Homeland Defense Web site to determine what their needs

are.

"It's critical to first consider your assets, support level and response time," she added.

She noted that the interdisciplinary teams possess interpersonal skills that help officials to design training according to their needs.

"In one instance, we designed a modular emergency medical system to triage patients on site, thus easing the load on emergency room," Milchling said.

"In all cases, we listen to what your concerns are and attempt a systemic approach."

For more information, visit the Homeland Defense Web site at <http://www2.sbccom.army.mil/hld> or call Milchling at 410-436-3674.



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Standard mail - Nov. 6
Space available mail - Nov. 27
Parcel airlift mail - Dec. 4
First class and all priority mail - Dec. 11

International mail should follow the schedule below:

Delivery Address	Air letters and cards	Air parcel post	Surface
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Australia/New Zealand	Dec. 10	Dec. 10	Nov. 2
Canada	Dec. 14	Dec. 14	Nov. 23
Caribbean	Dec. 10	Dec. 10	Nov. 10
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Army News



We're going to eradicate al Qaeda, admiral says

Rudi Williams
American forces Press Service

During a Pentagon press briefing, Rear Adm. John D. Stufflebeem, Joint Staff deputy director of operations for current readiness and capabilities, told reporters that, "We're going to eradicate al Qaeda from Afghanistan and take away the Taliban's ability to support terrorists. There isn't anything that's going to deter us from that mission."

The admiral's comment came while answering a question on whether the United States is going to satisfy continued Northern Alliance calls for more air support. "We would intend to support them to meet their objectives as long as we stay on our campaign objectives and meet ours," he said.

"What we're doing with the Northern Alliance is mutually supportive," said Stufflebeem. "We have not seen active evidence that al Qaeda is active in Afghanistan. We've taken away their ability to use their training camps. We've taken away their known infrastructure. We're striking at the caves that we have learned that they use or have used. So we believe that we are chipping away at al Qaeda."

Al Qaeda isn't free to operate in Afghanistan at this point because the United States is keeping up the pressure throughout the country, Stufflebeem said.

"That's one of the most significant reasons why the secretary of defense and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs have articulated that we would not stand down during the month of Ramadan and give al Qaeda the opportunity to regroup and continue training," he added.

As to whether U.S. strikes have "prepared" the battlefields so the opposition can move, the

admiral said that's a matter for Northern Alliance field commanders to decide. "(They) will have to determine when they feel ready to move. We're helping to set those conditions by taking down Taliban resistance. Air strikes on Taliban positions will help the Northern Alliance," he said.

"It would be incorrect for us to assume that after so many missions of prepping (a) particular battlefield that we would say, 'It's ready for you to go; you should be going now,'" Stufflebeem said. "They've got to make that determination themselves on the ground."

He said once the Northern Alliance feels comfortable enough to launch an attack, the United States "will help them in anyway we can."

The admiral said Department of Defense is suspicious of the reported number of people going across the Pakistani border into Afghanistan to fight with the Taliban. He also said DoD thinks that a substantial number of Taliban troops have been lost. One of the best indicators of this, he said, is that Taliban forces haven't responded to opposition fire for days in some areas.

"My guess is, that would be because they're either hunkered down and aren't coming out or they're not able to fire," he said. "I think that's a positive sign."

Asked about the effectiveness of 2,000-pound bombs and "bunker-busters" on the maze of mountain caves in Afghanistan and whether the United States has intelligence that anyone's using them, Stufflebeem said U.S. attacks are based on more than intelligence — Afghanistan is famous for all its caves and Afghans have a history of fighting from them.

Essay and art contests open to military children

Courtesy of Military.com

The Armed Services YMCA wants both artists and readers for their two annual contests.

Art Contest 2002, in its seventh year, seeks artwork from children of military members in kindergarten through sixth grade depicting their active-duty, Reserve or Guard families. Children of Defense Department and Coast Guard civilians may enter in an honorary category. The deadline for the contest is January 28. Essays should be on any subject related to reading. Deadline for entry is March 18.

Full guidelines on the essay and art contests can be obtained by visiting the Armed Services YMCA Web site at www.asymca.org, e-mail essaycontest@asymca.org, or MilitaryFamilyWeek@asymca.org, or call 703-866-1260.

SGLI spousal 'opt-out' deadline extended to Dec. 31

Courtesy of Military.com

The American Forces Press Service reports that troops who don't want spousal coverage in the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program now have until Dec. 31 to cancel at no charge. This is a one-month extension on the initial Nov. 30 opt-out deadline widely reported in October. The automatic coverage began Nov. 1, and affected those members who carried more than \$100,000 of personal coverage. Troops who don't want spousal SGLI coverage need to visit their military personnel office to fill out and submit an "8286A" form. The forms are also available on the VA Web

site www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm. Those who cancel in time will be reimbursed for any premiums inadvertently withheld from their pay.

Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen and their spouses who would like to keep spousal insurance may have an opportunity to get lower rates with Navy Mutual Aid Association. Information on NMAA can be obtained by filling out a short form at Military.com:

<http://www.military.com/nmaa/NMAALeadform/?ESRC=mr.nl>

Airline offers discount rates for military personnel

Courtesy of Military.com

As an expression of its support for the nation's armed forces, Frontier Airlines has introduced discounted fares for all active and reserve military personnel and their eligible dependents for travel through Feb. 13. Special military fares are accessible only through the airline's Web site at www.frontierairlines.com/military.

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Sports & Recreation

USMC triumphs over Company A 16th, 26-12

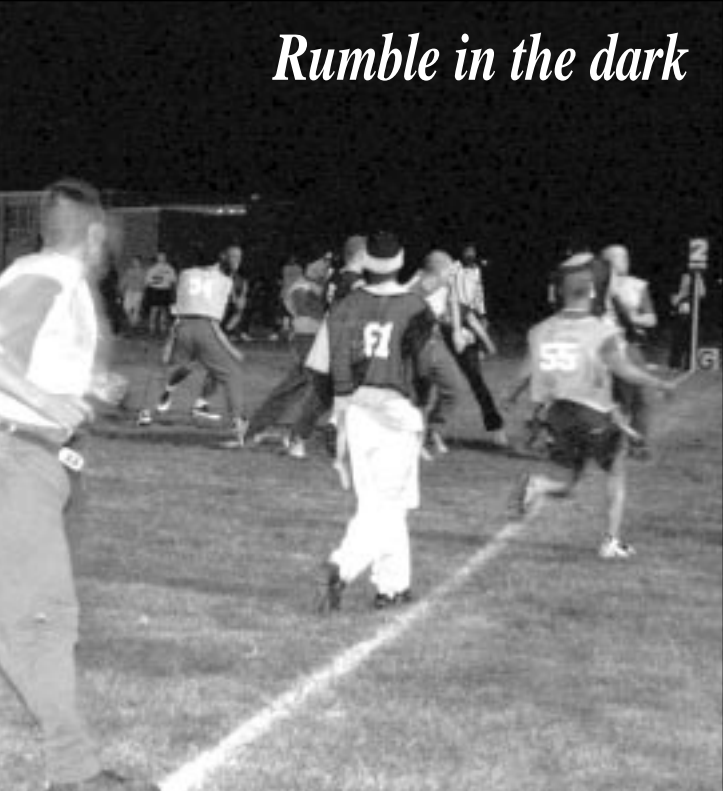


Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Flag football players from the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment and Company A 16th Ordnance Battalion run to check out a short scuffle at the goal line during a National Division game on Nov. 7. The intramural flag football post season tournament begins Nov. 17 with the championship set for Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m.

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Everything seemed to click for the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment as it tossed off all thoughts of a disappointing season and grabbed its first win of the season, defeating Company A 16th Ordnance Battalion, 26-12 in National Division action on Nov. 7.

Powered by quarterback Kenneth Butler, the team benefited from key plays by receiver Shawn Przygoda who pulled down two of the team's four touchdowns.

"The only thing left for us to do is have fun," said USMC coach Duane Dixon as he watched his team march down the field.

Butler scored the team's first touchdown after running back Johan Fisher muscled his way to the goal line off of a reverse hand-off that surprised the Company A 16th defense.

The extra point attempt failed and USMC gave the ball up with a 6-0 lead.

Company A 16th quarterback, Shawn Lawry, favored handing off to running back

Chant Long who chewed up real estate like a lawn mower. On fourth down at the 25-yard line, Lawrey threaded a needle through heavy traffic to find an open receiver in the end zone for the team's only points.

Coach Richard Rathbun, who also played center and on the defense, said the team was "doing well" despite playing with so many new players.

"We lose a lot through the season and have to make do with newcomers," Rathbun said. "But this is a good bunch. They play with a lot of heart."

Up 12-6, USMC never looked back in the second half as the trio of Butler, Fisher and Przygoda proved virtually unstoppable.

In one game-defining drive inside Company A 16th territory, USMC used two delayed counts to pull their opponents off-side and push them back to their own five yard line.

On the ensuing play, Butler faked right to Fisher, who drew a crowd of defenders, then threw in the end zone to a wide-open Przygoda for a stand-up six.

"It wasn't high intensity but it was still a great game," Dixon said after the win. "All I ask is 110 percent and that's what they give me."

Butler, a Stanton, Va., native agreed, calling his team a "great group of guys."

"The season's been fun for us, regardless," he said.

Przygoda, who also plays intramural soccer, said he "just came to help the team out."

"They recruited me as a kicker but I can do a few other things too," he said with a smile.

Football Update

The following results were reported for intramural flag football for the week ending Nov. 9.

American Division

Results
Nov. 5
Company E 16th, 27; HHC 61st, 6
Nov. 6
Company E 16th, 34; HHC 16th, 23
NCOA, 27; HHC 61st, 6

Standings
HHC 16th 9-2
Company E 16th 8-3
HHC 61st 3-9
NCOA 3-9

National Division
Results
Nov. 5
Company B 16th, 18; USMC, 13
Company A 16th, 32;
Company C 16th, 6
Nov. 6
Company C 16th, 34; USMC, 21
Nov. 7
USMC, 26; Company A 16th, 12
Company C 16th, 24;
Company B 16th, 6

Standings
Company B 16th 9-3
Company C 16th 9-3
Company A 16th 3-8
USMC 1-11

Edgewood Division
Results
Nov. 7
HHC 143rd, 26; Company B 143rd, 6
Standings
HHC 143rd 8-0
SBCCOM 3-3
Company C 143rd 4-4
Company B 143rd 1-6

APG closing announcements

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For reservations or more information call Angela Keithley or Jaqueline McKeever, 410-278-4603 or 4771.

HARFORD COUNTY YMCA BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Harford County Family YMCA will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers St., Aberdeen, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5. Three Quickie games will be held throughout the night.

For tickets, call Janet Nelson, 410-836-5075, or Lisa Greene, 410-273-7931.

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 17
SATURDAY NIGHT COMEDY JAM PT III**

Charlton-Miller VFW Post No. 6054 presents “Saturday Night Comedy Jam PT III” featuring from the “Kiss My Bumper” Commercial and BET Comic View, Comedian HOWARD G and Friends. Donations are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at VFW Post No. 6054 or contact Sr. Vice Commander Terry Robinson at 410-272-3444. Show time is from 9:30 p.m. to midnight. There will be an “After Party” jam.

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**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 23
THANKSGIVING DAY SPECIALTY MEAL**

The annual Thanksgiving Day Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 11:30 to 2:30 p.m. During this event all military, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$5.30 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, Department of Defense civilian, retiree and their guest. The discount meal rate of \$4.40 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

For more information call Edward Parylo, or Joyce Thane at 410-306-1399/1393/1398.

Thanksgiving Day specialty meal menu: turkey noodle soup, shrimp cocktail, roast turkey, baked ham, steamship round of beef au jus, corn bread dressing, savory bread dressing, mashed potatoes with giblet gravy, candied yams, corn, green peas with mushrooms, assorted salad bar, potato salad, macaroni salad, Waldorf salad, rolls, pumpkin pie, pecan pie, fruit pies, fresh fruit, hard candy, mixed nuts, soft-serve ice cream, assorted beverages and egg nog.

(NOTE: Menu subject to change without notice.)

COUNTRY HOE DOWN

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing each Friday at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing will be held 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The instructor will announce lessons. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$10 and includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**SATURDAY
November 24
CWF SPONSORSTRIP TO RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL**

The CWF is sponsoring a holiday bus trip to the Radio City

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For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever, 410-278-4603/4771.

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 28
EDGEWOOD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**

The Edgewood Christian Fellowship will meet on Nov. 28, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Edgewood Area Chapel.

This month at the ECF luncheon, we will review an earlier time in the country's history when the nation's capital was attacked and the White House burned.

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Luncheon reservations should be made by noon, Nov. 27 by calling 410-436-4109

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 1
GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Good Shepherd Catholic School will be held at the school, 810 Aikens Avenue, Perryville, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5.

For tickets, call the Good Shepherd School, 410-642-6265, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 5
BUSTRIPTO THE APOLLO**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to “The Original Amateur Night Live at the Apollo,” in New York City, where many performers got their start, such as Michael Jackson, James Brown and more.

The price is \$60 per person, and includes charter bus transportation and a ticket to the show. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. There will be time for shopping and dinner before the show, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqeline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 7
ABERDEEN POLICE ASSOCIATION BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Aberdeen Police Association will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5.

For tickets, call Judy Hinch, 410-272-7585, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 9 to 16
ABERDEEN LIONS PLAN VALENTINE CRUISE**

The Aberdeen Lions Club is sponsoring a seven-night Valentine cruise to the Western Caribbean in 2002. The public is invited to join the Lions on the newest Norwegian Cruise ship, Norwegian Sun, from Miami to Georgetown, Grand Caymen; Roatan, Bay Islands; Belize City, Belize; and Cozumel, Mexico. Snorkel on the longest barrier reef in the Western Hemisphere, swim with dolphins or stingrays, or just relax on the ship.

The package includes complimentary round-trip transfers from Aberdeen to Baltimore-Washington International Airport, round-trip air from BWI to Miami, all meals and entertainment, all port charges and taxes, and a pre-cruise get-together. Call now and receive a \$50 shipboard credit per stateroom. Enjoy a romantic Valentine cruise while helping the Aberdeen Lions Club raise funds for their community service activities.

Prices range from \$1,269 to \$1,743 depending on cabin location. Final payment is due Nov. 20.

For information, call Lions club members Joyce or Ron Landbeck, 410-272-5649. For reservations, call Accent-on-Travel, 1-800-848-3273.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard

GLASS HOUSE

**Friday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 17, 9 p.m.**

Starring: Leelee Sobieski, Diane Lane



When Ruby and Rhett's parents are killed in a car crash, Erin and Terry Glass become guardians of Ruby and Rhett. They are promised a world of opulence and California fun. Before long, Ruby suspects that Erin and Terry may not be the ideal guardians they seem to be. (Rated PG-13)



MAX KEEBLE'S BIG MOVE (FREE ADMISSION)
Saturday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.
Starring: Alex D. Linz, Larry Miller

Seventh grader Max Keeble is a good kid who only wants to fit in. Max's par-

ents tell him that they're planning to move to Chicago. With the help of his two friends, he spends his last week at school getting revenge on his tormentors. When Max finds out he's not moving after all, he is left at the mercy of his victims, and must apologize for all the mayhem he's caused. (Rated PG)

The Post Theater will be closed Friday, Nov. 23 and Saturday, Nov. 24. AAFES wishes you and your family a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The Garrison Library has new books for your reading pleasure. Come by and check them out.



Clarke & Spurrier's Fine Wine Guide by Oz Clarke

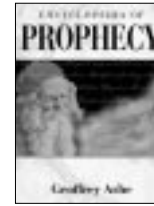
Communism: A History by Richard Pipes

Encyclopedia of the Holocaust edited by Robert Rozette



Encyclopedia of Prophecy edited by Geoffrey Ashe

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The Greatest Survival Stories Ever Told edited by Lamar Underwood

The Greatest War Stories Ever Told edited by Lamar Underwood

Encyclopedia of Urban Legends edited by Jan Harold Brunvand



Navy SEALs: A History of the Early Years by Kevin Dockery

The Oxford Illustrated History of the Bible edited by John Rogerson



Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Operating hours of the Edgewood Area Library, building E4403, are Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement of building 3071. Hours are Monday and Thursday, noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, noon to 7 p.m., and Friday, noon to 4 p.m.

ACS CELEBRATES MILITARY FAMILY MONTH

In honor of military families, Army Community Service is sponsoring several programs during National Military Family Month. The following are scheduled events happening in November:

Playmorning - Every Wednesday at the Aberdeen Area chapel, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Nov. 19 - Family Craft Night, ACS, building 2754, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 26 - Family Game Night, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 28 - Playmorning topic

- Baby Massage, 9:30 a.m., Aberdeen Area Chapel

Parenting Lunch Session on ADHD, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ACS

In addition to these programs, ACS and YMCA of Harford County are sponsoring an art contest 2002 for children, kindergarten through sixth grade and an essay contest for children, first through twelfth grades. Winners will receive prizes. For more details and participation in military family month events, call Reeshemah Bugg, Laura Reich or Diana Hayes at ACS, 410-278-7474.

2001 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**Directorate of Community and Family Activities
Community Recreation Division**

ACTIVITY	Thursday Nov. 22	Friday Nov. 23	Saturday Nov. 24	Sunday Nov. 25
Art and Crafts - AA	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Arts and Crafts - EA	Closed	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed
Athletic Center	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Automotive Crafts	Closed	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Bowling Center	Closed	5 to 11 p.m.	1 to 11 p.m.	Closed
Equipment Resource Center *	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Exton Golf Course	Closed	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Health & Fitness Center - AA	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Health & Fitness Center - EA	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Hoyle Gymnasium	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
ITR	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Library - AA	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Library - EA	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Plumb Point Golf Course		Closed for the Season		
Recreation Center - AA **	12 p.m. to 12 a.m.	12 p.m. to 12 a.m.	12 p.m. to 12 a.m.	12 to 6 p.m.
Snack Bar	3 to 11 p.m.	12 to 11:30 p.m.	12 to 11:30 p.m.	12 to 5:30 p.m.
Recreation Center - EA***	12 p.m. to 12 a.m.	12 p.m. to 12 a.m.	12 p.m. to 12 a.m.	12 to 6 p.m.
Snack Bar	5 to 11 p.m.	5 to 11 p.m.	12:30 to 5:30 p.m.	12:30 to 5 p.m.
Ruggles Golf Course	Closed	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

* ERC open Wednesday Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (normally closed on Wednesdays).

** AA Recreation Center will be open Wednesday Nov. 21, 2 to 11 p.m.

*** EA Recreation Center will be open Wednesday Nov. 21, 5 to 11 p.m.

CFC not making the grade

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign, solicitation period on Aberdeen Proving Ground ends Nov. 16. The installation CFC office in building 2477 will remain operational for late contributions until Nov. 30.

Wayne Doyel, CFC chairperson, said that at the current rate, APG would not meet its \$300,000 goal.

“The economic situation since the Sept. 11 tragedies have hit us all hard but if we compare our situations to those who are homeless, sick or dying, we’re really not that bad off,” Doyel said.

He added that federal employees, servicemembers, and contractors can contribute to the CFC campaign.

“By designating a specific charity, you ensure that your donation goes to those most important to you,” Doyel said adding that hundreds of local, state, national and international charitable or non-profit agencies are listed in the 2001 CFC Contributor’s Guide.

“I ask people to ask themselves what they would be willing to part with in order to change someone’s life,” Doyel said. “Would you give up one soft drink per week or a night out at the movies every month? It doesn’t take much more than that to help someone learn how to read, or to walk or to feed the homeless.”

“Our thoughtfulness and generosity can give others hope,” he said.

Doyel asked that those who have not done so already, take a few minutes to read the contributor’s guide and consider completing a CFC pledge form.

“There’s something for everyone,” he said. “Your selection can provide meals for hungry children in Maryland, counseling for Maryland families, research dollars for curing diseases, comfort for the dying, or access to water and food in third world countries.

If your CFC key worker has not contacted you, call or come by the CFC office as soon as possible to make your pledge. We will personally help you to complete the pledge form and thank you for your kindness. Your gift can bring hope to someone in need.”

For more information, contact your CFC representative, stop by the CFC office in building 2477 or call Doyel at 410-278-3131.

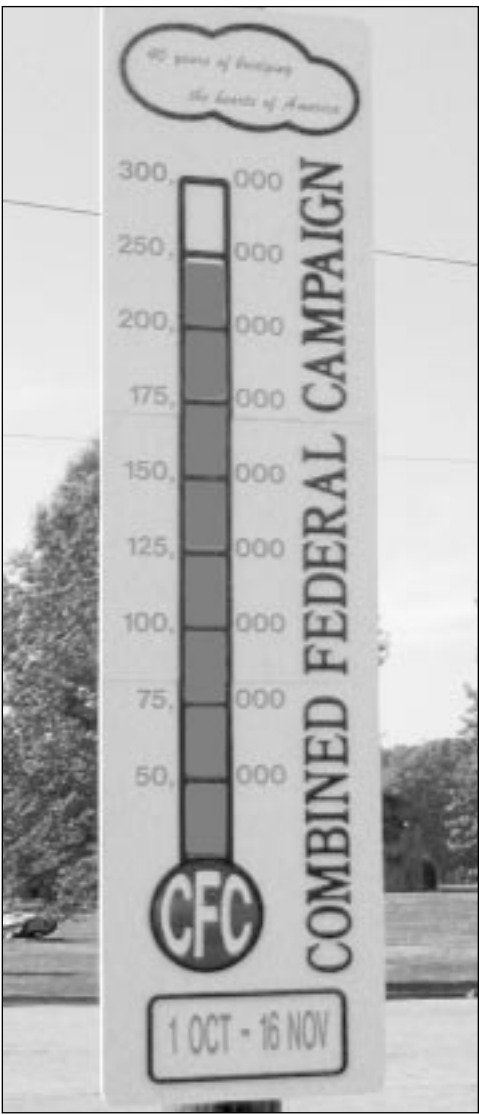


Photo by SHEILA LITTLE
As of Nov. 13, contributions to the Combined Federal Campaign total \$246,880.36. Total award distributions include 326 Orioles, 171 Cardinals, 81 Falcons and 56 Eagle awards.

Veterans volunteer for recall

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

In extraordinary numbers, veterans are inquiring how they can support America’s first war of the century.

Those inquiries, however, do not yet equate to large numbers of veterans coming back to active duty.

“The week after Sept. 11, we received over 200 telephone calls, and are processing 200 applicants, but it will be another month before I will know if the calls lead to an increase in recalls,” said Lt. Col. Brett Floro, chief of officer accessions at the Total U.S. Army Personnel Command.

The U.S. Army Recruiting Command, which handles prior-service enlisted soldiers and reservists, reports that it has also received an increased amount of inquiries since Sept. 11, but not a significant increase in prior-service enlistments.

A communications specialist in Colorado Springs, Colo., realized two days after the attack that he needed to step up and do the right thing for his country, he said.

“I got out of the Army as a captain after I got married because I was having to spend a lot of time in the field, but if my country needs me to, I’ll sit in a field out in the middle of nowhere,” said Johnpaul Arnold, a former tactical communications officer.

During an over-the-phone interview, Arnold’s voice started to crack as he talked about his father, a veteran of the Vietnam War.

“I know that this is going to be a major sacrifice, but I heard the call, and I’m responding,” Arnold said.

“I admire the veterans who have fought for our country, and I just want to do my part,” Arnold added. His application is being processed, but he’s confident that he will be issued orders.

Before the attack on America, both PERSCOM and USAREC had programs in place to accept veterans.

Call to Active Duty was enacted in fiscal year 1997 when a shortage of aviation warrant officers was identified, Floro said. The program was extended to officers who are qualified in branches that have slots that need to be filled, he said.

Retired aviators also fall under the Call to Active

Duty program, but they have to go through the U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Command for more information.

“We are not offering any incentives for officers that come back in,” Floro said. “We’re advertising this program for officers who realize that they miss being part of the Army team, miss being part of this family and want to get back to a unit.”

The initial contract for officers who come back to active duty is three years. The intent is to fulfill a career, not complete the minimum, Floro said. However, in order to fulfill a career, applicants must be able to meet certain criteria.

Officers have to be able to complete 20 years of active federal commission service before they reach age 55. Their previous years on active duty will count toward their recall time, Floro said.

Prior enlisted officers would have to be able to complete 10 years of active federal commissioned service prior to completing 20 years of active federal service.

Out of the 200 applications that PERSCOM is currently processing, Floro said as long as they meet the career qualifications, he doesn’t see any reason why they won’t get approved.

“The biggest cause for disapproval will come from those who were separated from the Army because of disability,” Floro said.

Acceptance into the military for prior-service soldiers will depend on their last discharge, said Frank Shaffery, deputy director of recruiting operations for USAREC.

We do not process retirees here, and we do not accept individuals who were barred from re-enlistment,” Shaffery said. “Any person that has displayed poor performance or poor character will be denied re-entry, unless he goes through PERSCOM and gets a waiver.”

Bonuses are being offered to people who enlist for combat arms specialties. But, Shaffery said, USAREC would never give an individual a better opportunity to come in off the street than they would give a soldier who re-enlists.

More information on the officer Call to Active Duty Program is available at www.perscom.army.mil/opdistacc/calltoAD.htm or www.goarmy.com

Veterans Day 2001 message

Veterans Day has a very special meaning this year as we fight an enemy right here on American soil, as well as in other parts of the world. I hope you will agree with me when I say it is proper to reflect with feelings of pride and honor upon the men and women who have served and continue to serve this great nation and to preserve the freedoms we often take for granted today.

Veterans Day is also a time to consider the many freedoms we have in this country, freedoms that many countries do not enjoy. We move around within our country as we please. We have freedom to worship as we choose, the freedom to express our thoughts and ideas, and the freedom to live a lifestyle that much of the world envies. We must always remember that these freedoms were fought for and won by our veterans, many of whom gave their lives in defense of our ideals.

As we continue the fight to preserve our freedom, the winter season will soon be upon us again, and we must prepare now for the coming cold and the snow. The trips to and from work may be hazardous at times. We need to inspect our automobiles’ tires, brakes, and coolant systems and replace any worn items to avoid becoming a “roadside casualty.”

While celebrating safely this weekend, please take a moment to reflect on the great sacrifices our veterans have made so that we could enjoy the many freedoms we hold so dear.

JOHN C. DOESBURG
Major General, USA
Commanding



Photo courtesy of <http://sc94.ameslab.gov/TOUR/vetmem.html>

Located between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C., the dramatic and somber Vietnam Veterans Memorial consists of two 250-ft. V-shaped walls of polished black granite sloping to the ground from an apex of 10 feet. The walls are inscribed with the names of the more than 58,000 U.S. men and women who were killed or missing in the Vietnam War.

Granite heroes

*It's a hot and sultry day,
in Washington, D.C.
Among a group of tourists,
I looked at the memorial of America's
fallen heroes,
for the very first time.
Of the simplicity,
the richness,
the majesty of materials.*

*The names of men known to me,
killed in combat,
in the jungles of Vietnam.
As I stood there,
with a fellow soldier,
looking with awe,
at the thousands of names,
oh so familiar.
Searching for that one name,
ensuring it was there.*

*Scattered at the base of the wall,
were an assortment of American flags
of different sizes,
dried flowers,
a new bouquet,
a patch from a former unit.*

*Tributes from the living,
to memories of yesterday.*

*As folks photographed the memorial –
some close,
some with video cameras,
children in front of certain granite
panels with people pointing to names,
you couldn't help but wonder,
if they were there to see their father's
name,
an uncle,
a friend,
an acquaintance,
a lover perhaps.*

*We were in uniform during this visit,
but looks from older folks,
told us silently,
they resented our intrusion,
we, the living.
Little did they realize,
that we were there,
saw their loved ones die – some in our
arms.*

Scenes, poignantly flashed back – with

*the sounds,
the smells,
the screams,
the silence,
the deafening silence,
slowly replaced by the normal sounds
of the jungle night,
only to be snapped out of our momen-
tary trance,
by a person with a question.*

*My companion,
eliciting assistance from a park
ranger,
whose fingers skipped and danced
through a book,
finding my friend's friend's name,
darted off with him in tow,
to the far expanses of the wall.
With a wax crayon and a slip of paper,
she deftly made a rubbing of his
engraved name.*

*Returning,
my friend explained,
this soldier,
killed in combat,*

*was from his home town – Maxton,
North Carolina.
The next time,
he visited home,
he would drop off this rubbing,
with this soldier's Mom,
to let her know,
her son would always be – a Hero,
not just to her,
but to America as well.*

*As we left this place,
returning,
to the sights,
and sounds of city life,
it is impossible
not to feel humble,
to have a lump in your throat,
to have shed a tear,
memories of events gone by.
You see,
we were the lucky ones,
spared for another day,
another war.
We were not – Granite Heroes.*

By Barry D. Decker

Job Fair

From front page
current security posture.
The fair offered a wide range of employment choices including business, science and technology, government, law enforcement, health, manufacturing, retail and banking.
Several APG contractors also were on hand, Howard noted, as well as representatives from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center and Non-Appropriated Funds.
Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, said she was impressed with the event, noting the role ACS played in producing the large turnout.
“This is a great forum where people can be comfortable,” Mark said of the ballroom’s accommodations.
“ACS has done an excellent job in helping to bring in great applicants.”
Denise Carnaggio, technical development manager for the Harford County Economic Development Office, said organizers appreciated APG’s assistance although the event was moved off the installation this year.
“APG was an invaluable help to us. We would not have had many of our resources without them. We’re glad to be able to accommodate so many job seekers,” Carnaggio said, adding that more than 300 people passed through the fair during the first hour.
In her 14th year of co-organizing the Job Fair, Carnaggio said the need was especially great this year.
“So many that have been laid off are coming through, as well as soldiers who are getting ready to leave the service,” she said. “The variety of jobs available offer something for everyone.”
She praised Howard and Sharon Mike, director of the Chesapeake Region of the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, for their assistance.
Those passing through the

fair included people looking for work, thinking about a career change or just testing the waters of opportunity.
At the CPAC table, Dave Mial, personnel assistant, greeted guests, handing out job announcements and applications. Describing the fair as “productive,” Mial said most were interested in salaries.
“By 1 p.m., 96 people had stopped here,” Mial said. “We’re not accepting resumes, but many expressed an interest in our job listings.”
“I heard about the fair on the radio,” added Lynnea Grebe, a recent mass communications graduate from Johns Hopkins University as she checked out the CPAC display. “This is the first fair I’ve been to. It’s larger than I expected,” she said.
Personnel clerks Effie Robinson and Julie Bates answered queries at the Non-Appropriated Funds display. Robinson noted the positive responses received from most applicants.
“The majority who stopped here were interested in clerical positions, but several stopped just to ask who we are and what it is we offer,” Robinson said.
Sgts. Joel Shaw and Philip Smith from the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services briefed passers by on employment opportunities within the states 27 correctional facilities.
Shaw said their main goal was to dispel misperceptions about their job descriptions.
“You hear so many horror stories and myths about working corrections,” he said. “We want to make people aware of the actual job and its incentives,” he added noting that the 20-year retirement and medical benefits are second only to the military.
Seeking an opening in marketing or management, Stephen Smith of Darlington, chatted with Heide Connellee, a human resources specialist with the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company.
“There are a lot of good companies here but most are entry level,” Smith said,

adding that he was looking for middle or upper management.
“Primarily, we have openings in sales,” said Connellee. “We’ve had a lot of information technology people through who are very qualified, but not what we need right now.”
Like several other sites, Renee Brown and Cathy Beal, human resources specialists for Science Applications International Corporation, SAIC, filled some positions on the spot.
“We got several good resumes,” Brown said. “People really came prepared. Although they could not fill many of the IT applications, they filled three positions as subcontract administrators and an engineer, she added.
With four to five fairs to attend annually, Brown said

the Nov. 2 event was the best.
“Applicants were better prepared. We were very pleased with the caliber of resumes we received,” she added.
Council members include the Harford County Chamber of Commerce, Harford Community College, the Harford County Office of Economic Development, Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Susquehanna Workforce Network, Inc., and Open Doors Inc.
Employers that participated in the Harford County Job Fair 2001 included: the APG Civilian Personnel Advisory Center; APG Non-appropriated Funds; APG Federal Credit Union; Advance Business Systems; the ARC Northern Chesapeake Region; the Army

and Air Force Exchange Service; Baltimore County Bureau of Corrections; Barrett Business Service, Inc.; Battelle Memorial Institute; Beacon Staffing Alternatives; Best Buy; Clorox Products; All First Bank; County Banking and Trust Co.; Custom Direct, Inc.; Davco Restaurants; Decision Systems Technologies, Inc.; Delaware State Police; Department of Public Safety and Corrections; EAI Corporation and GeoCenters; First Union-Wachovia Bank; Forest Hill Bank; Franklin Square Hospital; Harford Bank; Harford Community College; Harford County Government, Department of Human Resources; Harford County Public Library; Harford County Sheriff’s Office; Independent Can Company;

Kunkel Service Company; LB&B Associates, Inc.; Log Sec. Corp.; Maryland Air National Guard; Michel Distribution Services; Northrop-Grumman Field Engineering; Pepsi Cola Bottling Co.; Pizza Hut of Maryland, Inc.; Rite Aid; Science Applications International Corp.; Scientific and Engineering Solutions, Inc.; Security Administration Services, Inc.; SES Staffing Solutions; Snelling Personnel Services; SuperValu; Service Engineering Company; Sverdrup Technology, Inc.; Trugreen Chemlawn; Trus Joist; United Parcel Service; Upper Chesapeake Health; U.S. Investigations Services; Department of Veterans Affairs; WAWA Inc.; IWIF and Delta Graphics and



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Dave Mial, right, personnel assistant with the APG Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, greets Lynnea Grebe, left, at the 2001 Harford County Job Fair held Nov. 2 at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood.

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Volunteers Tracy Dunne and Bev Browning plant native plants around an old sugar maple located at the Victoria House.

A man wearing a hat and a blue shirt is sitting on the concrete steps of a house. He is surrounded by a large pile of white plastic bags, which he appears to be sorting through. The house has white siding and a white railing. A small tree is visible to the right of the steps.

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APG's Victoria House benefits from NPLD

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Thanks to a grant from the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation, or NEETF, there is a new look to the centuries old landscape surrounding the Cultural and Natural Resource Visitor/Learning Center on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Better known as the Victoria House or the Mitchell House after it's original owner, Malcolm Mitchell, the center sits on APG, near the Ruggles Golf Course.

With the grant, the center's

staff was able to plant more than 200 native plants on the grounds surrounding the house as a beautification project in conjunction with National Public Lands Day.

The Directorates of Public Works and Safety, Health and Environment manage the site.

Mark Gallihue, APG garrison historian and cultural resource manager, said the main emphasis was to provide a historically accurate setting for the site.

"We wanted plants that might have been here in 1905 when the house was built," Gallihue said, adding that much research and preparation, performed by contractors and volunteers, was done prior to the planting, which took place Oct. 19.

The wide array of vegetation planted included Eastern White Cedar trees, Rosa Caroliniana flowers, and a variety of day lilies.

"There is a butterfly garden and several other plants that will go in the ground in the spring," Gallihue said, adding that the hope is that the young plants will survive the abundant deer population.

National Public Lands Day is an annual event when volunteers come together to improve the country's largest natural resource – public lands. It is a unique public-private partnership between federal, state and local land agencies, business partners and numerous non-profit organizations. The NEETF manages, coordinates and generates financial support for the program.

This year's NPLD was held on Sept. 29.

Donna's

From front page

soup-of-the-week are now available along with Donna's signature pit beef, ham and turkey and barbecue beef, pork and chicken sandwiches.

Side orders include cole slaw and chuck wagon or white bean chicken chili. Sandwiches are served on Kaiser rolls and come with a bag of chips. Beverages include Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew and Deer Park Spring Water.

The shop is open Monday thru Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., including RDO Fridays.

In honor of Veterans Day, Donna's is offering a free 20 oz. beverage with any sandwich accompanied with a side order, Nov. 15 through 22.

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